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Registration of births and deaths.

* 433 *Q.*—SRI A. VELOO (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswamy Reddiar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government are taking to ensure that births and deaths are properly and accurately registered by the respective Registrars under the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899;

(*b*) the action, if any, taken by them against Registrars who default in submitting their monthly returns as per rule 3 of the Rules issued under Act III of 1899;

(*c*) how many Registrars were punished or warned by the respective Collectors under the provisions of section 18 (*b*) of Act III of 1899, during the years 1948–53; and

(*d*) the number of returns regarding births and deaths not received from each district during the years 1948–53?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) to (*d*) A paper[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Co-operative Housing Scheme in Tillainagar of Tiruchirappalli town.

* 434 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable nanja lands involved in the execution of the Co-operative Housing Scheme in Tillainagar of Tiruchirappalli town;

(*b*) the probable loss in the production of foodgrains by the conversion of such lands into house-sites and other constructions; and

(*c*) the costs paid to the land owners?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—

" (*a*) 74·94 acres.

" (*b*) Approximately 110 tons of paddy annually.

" (*c*) Rs. 5,22,561–5–10."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Will the Government be pleased to prohibit the wholesale conversion of such cultivable nanja lands into house-sites hereafter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:— " Yes, Sir, if the word ' wholesale ' is emphasised."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM:—" Is it not a fact that the allowing of wet lands to be in the centre of a town is injuries to the health of the population of the town? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Wet lands in the middle of urban cities will improve the general health of

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 755–757 infra.